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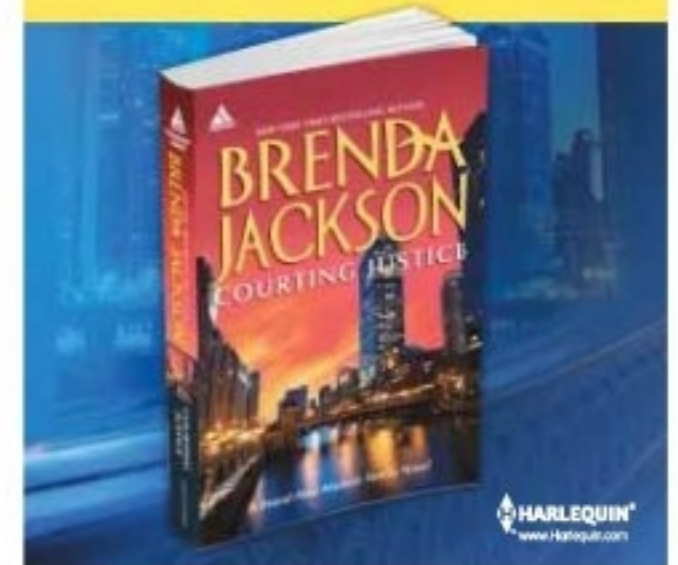


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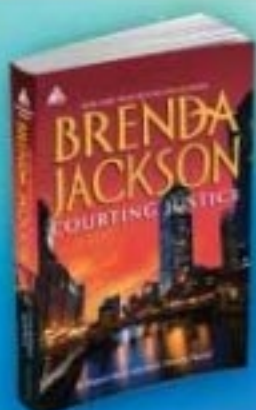
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In the news

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The trial of Aaron Deveau, 18, of Haverhill, is expected to begin today. He is believed to be the first person in the state charged with motor vehicle homicide because of texting while driving, according to the Herald. Deveau was 17 at the time of the Haverhill crash that killed a 55-year-old New Hampshire father. ● METRO

Today's local tweet



"Awesome Memorial day display of flags @ Boston Common. Everyone should go see it ..."

@COLTMONDAY, URGING HIS FELLOW TWITTER FOLLOWERS YESTERDAY TO SEE THE 33,000 FLAGS PLACED ON THE COMMON FOR MEMORIAL DAY



► Still under investigation

Pair found dead after South fire were stabbed

SOUTH BOSTON. A man and woman were found dead inside a South Boston apartment early Sunday morning after fire crews responded to a fire there.

Police have not identified the pair and did not say exactly how they died.

However, WCVB reported that Diane Bourglas, 52, and Richard Halloran, a Vietnam veteran, were stabbed to death.

The small fire that broke out just after 3 a.m. was contained to the apartment.

Fire, police and the Suffolk district attorney's office are all investigating. ● METRO

Not-so-sweet thief sought

CHELSEA. Police are searching for a man who robbed an ice cream truck driver.

The attack took place Sunday about 9 p.m. on Chester Avenue.

Police said the 28-year-old driver, who is from Malden, was approached by a man holding a "pry bar." The man forced his way into the truck, attacked the driver and took an undisclosed amount of cash and personal items.

Police believe the man fled to a green SUV with tinted windows that was being driven by another man. ● METRO

Motorcyclist hits trooper

REVERE. A state police trooper was struck by a motorcyclist who was then seriously injured when he crashed into another car while fleeing just after midnight Sunday.

Jorge Palma, 24, of Revere, allegedly rear-ended the trooper's cruiser and then suddenly fled after talking with the trooper, the Globe reported. As he fled he hit the trooper and injured the trooper's legs, police said. ● METRO

Big ideas proposed for Harvard Square's 'Pit'

► Group wants 'pit' area renovated, updated ► Ideas include 5-foot LED screen, electronic news ticker ► Will it be Hub's take on Times Square?



► The area known as the Pit

Big changes may be coming to the brick expanse next to the entrance to the Harvard Square MBTA station in Cambridge known as "The Pit."

The Harvard Square Business Association has drafted a proposal to renovate and update the area that hosts one of Cambridge's best-known landmarks — the Out of Town News kiosk.

"There is no better time than now to think about how we can make this entire area, which is really heart of the square, more welcoming and also bring 21st century technology," said Denise Jillson, HSBA executive director.

Jillson said that the association has a draft proposal of ideas for the area, but would not provide a copy to Metro. She discussed some of the ideas in the proposal, which were reported by The Harvard Crimson, but she said none of the ideas were set in stone.

Some ideas

The draft proposal includes some ideas to upgrade the "pit" area:

- Stadium seating looking into the pit
- Outdoor seating
- A five-foot LED screen over the T station entrance
- An electronic news ticker on the ground around the area
- Improved handicapped accessibility

Some of the ideas include adding outdoor seating and a five-foot LED screen.

In an article about the proposal published in The Crimson, the association's president likened the ideas to the look and feel of New York City's Times Square.

Jillson said it's now the time to talk about that area of

the square because other sections have already undergone renovations and upgrades like the recent paving of John F. Kennedy Street.

"The one piece of the square that has not had any work on it for a lot of period of time is the Out of Town News kiosk area," she said.

One of the ideas in the plan is to renovate the news kiosk into an information center.

While the proposal has multiple ideas for the area, one of the issues yet to be decided is how the renovations will be funded.

Jillson said the association has had conversations about the renovations with city officials and stakeholders, but that the plan would have to go through a public hearing process before anything is decided upon.



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Memorial Day. Flags for the fallen



► The tiny flags seemed to go on for as far as the eye could see.

Flags fly on Common to remember vets

About 33,000 flags were placed on the Boston Common this Memorial Day weekend to honor those who paid the ultimate price. The flags represent each military member from the Bay State who gave their life from the Civil War to present day operations. ● METRO

Woman robbed of cash, iPod during date

BROCKTON. A Swampscott woman who met her date for dinner in Brockton on Saturday night had what is likely her worst date ever.

She told police she took the Commuter Rail to meet the man who she had known for about a week, according to the Brockton Enterprise. During their date she used the bathroom and had him look after her \$150 in cash and iPod.

When she returned from the bathroom, her cash, the iPod and date were gone.

The woman told police she wanted the incident documented, but did not want to press charges because she can't afford to keep coming to Brockton, according to the Enterprise. ● METRO

60 The number of minutes the woman reportedly waited for her date to return

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Controversial commentary?

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank's tradition making of controversial comments continued Sunday as he spoke at UMass Dartmouth's commencement ceremony where he and civic leader Hubert Jones were honored.

Jones, who is black, was the subject of Frank's comment: "And Hubie, I think you now have a hoodie you

can wear and no one will shoot at you. So I think you'll feel, I hope, pretty protected by that," Frank said after calling Jones one of the great leaders that he's worked with over the years.

The comment referred to Trayvon Martin, the hoodied Florida teen who was fatally shot by a neighborhood watch member. **METRO/MN**



"I think you now have a hoodie you can wear and no one will shoot at you." FRANK

Three shot at holiday barbecue

► Police were searching for multiple gunmen ► One man shot in eye ► Teens stabbed in separate incident

As scores of people gathered for a barbecue Sunday night on a long, dead-end Mattapan street, a group of men opened gunfire — causing chaos and bloodshed.

Police spent yesterday searching for the group of four men responsible for the shooting. No arrests and no further description were made as of press time.

Officers responded to Orlando Street about midnight for a report of gunshots.

When officers arrived, they found a 31-year-old woman shot in the abdomen. She was taken to Boston Medical Center, and her injuries were described as life-threatening.

Two men were also shot during the attack and transported themselves to the Carney Hospital in Dorchester, less than three miles away from the shooting scene.

Police said a 23-year-old man was shot in the right eye,



► Barbecue gone bad

and a 27-year-old man was shot in his left arm.

Two other people suffered minor injuries while leaving the scene and were treated and released from Carney Hospital, police said. It was unclear what caused those injuries.

Police did not identify any of the victims.

Anyone with information can call 617-343-4712 or text "tip" to 27463 (crime).

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Other violence

Police this weekend were also investigating a double stabbing.

Officers responded to 12 Castlegate Road about 9 p.m. Saturday for a report of a stabbing.

► Police found two 17-year-old men suffering from stab wounds. They were both taken to Boston Medical Center for their injuries that police said were not life-threatening.

► Police were still looking for suspects yesterday. Anyone with information can call 617-343-4275.



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HS students wreck MFA exhibit

ARLINGTON. Two Arlington High School students were suspended after they damaged a bed on display at the Museum of Fine Arts.

The students were on a field trip Thursday when girl sat on the bed on display in the Art of the Americas wing. A boy then did the same thing, causing



the bed to collapse.

A third student entered the exhibit area and took pictures. She faced a lesser suspension.

The students are expected to pay restitution.

THE BOSTON GLOBE

Peace is veterans group's focus on Memorial Day

While cities and towns across the country held parades with veterans in uniform and color guards carrying guns, a different veterans group held another kind of Memorial Day ceremony yesterday in Boston.

Veterans for Peace held its Memorial Day for Peace event for the fifth time at Christopher Columbus Park where

about 100 people gathered for the ceremony.

There, members of the group spoke out on the issues of suicide among veterans and repeatedly called for an end to U.S. war abroad and a start to peace.

Instead of guns, drums or marching there were white and rainbow-colored flags,

flowers and folk songs.

"A lot of us were tired of respectful events at remembrances that would culminate in parades that were overly militaristic," said Pat Scanlon, coordinator of the local Veterans for Peace group and a Vietnam War veteran.

Dozens of flowers were dropped into Boston Harbor

from the park by the group in remembrance of each "fallen soldier from Massachusetts and for civilians from Iraq and Afghanistan who have died as a result of these ongoing wars," the group said.

Some of those who spoke during the ceremony had very personal reasons why they were advocating for peace.

Kevin Lucey spoke about his son, Jeffrey, a Marine corporal who killed himself after returning home from Iraq. Jeffrey, Lucey said, had visited VA hospitals to seek or receive treatment on various occasions.

"This should never have happened to my son. This should never have happened to a veteran of our country. We have to demand more," he said.

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▶ Vietnam veteran Lee Vander Laan throws a flower into Boston Harbor in honor of a fallen soldier during yesterday's event.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Quoted

"What Memorial Day means to me is the loss of my brothers and sisters both physically and mentally."

BOB FUNKE, VIETNAM WAR VETERAN AND VETERANS FOR PEACE MEMBER

Elderly man dies on Logan-bound flight

BOSTON. An elderly man who flew from Florida to Boston was pronounced dead after the plane landed.

The unidentified man flew on JetBlue Airways flight 426 Saturday from West Palm Beach, according to the Globe. It took off just before 4 p.m. and landed at about 6:30 p.m.

Boston EMS crews pronounced the man dead after the plane landed. An EMS official would not give the man's age or identify where he was from.

It was unclear what caused the man's death. The medical examiner's office was closed until today.

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American consumer credit delinquency hits two-year low

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► Rates on retail credit cards are especially in decline.

There are encouraging signs that Americans are making headway on their collective debt, including a report from CreditForecast.com showing consumer debt delinquency on the decline.

According to CreditForecast.com, 30-day consumer credit delinquencies are "back to pre-recession" levels.

The aggregate rate is 2.8 percentage points below its peak of January 2010, and 1.1 percentage points below its year-earlier level. Declines in delinquency rates for mortgages and auto loans con-

2.8%

The aggregate rate is 2.8 percentage points below its peak of January 2010.

tributed the most to the overall improvement.

A recent report showed that car buyers are catching up on their car and truck payments, primarily due to improved trade-in values and a moderately improving economy.

With outstanding balances

outside of mortgages rising because of car and student loans, and consumers acquiring more credit cards but still reluctant to use them, the real story is the reduction in credit card delinquencies, especially as consumer use of plastic increases.

According to Cristian De Ritis, director of consumer credit economics at CreditForecast (a joint venture of Equifax and Moody's Analytics), credit card "failure to pay" rates are down from 3.4 percent to 3.2 percent from March to April.

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News in brief

Annan: Killing of 108 in Syria an 'appalling crime'

AMMAN. Peace envoy Kofi Annan deplored the killing of at least 108 people in the Syrian town of Houla as "an appalling crime" yesterday and urged President Bashar al-Assad to prove he wants a peaceful resolution to the crisis racking his country.

Assad's forces killed at least 41 people in an artillery assault on the city of Hama, activists said, shortly after the U.N. Security Council condemned Fri-



► Annan

day's massacre in nearby Houla.

Annan explicitly urged the Syrian government to "take bold steps to signal that it is serious in its intention to resolve this crisis peacefully." REUTERS

Powerful 'Flame' Internet threat found in Iran

BOSTON. Security experts discovered a highly complex computer virus in Iran and the Middle East that they believe was deployed at least five years ago to engage in state-sponsored espionage.

Evidence suggests that the virus, dubbed Flame, may have been built on behalf of the same nation that commissioned the Stuxnet worm that attacked Iran's nuclear program in 2010, according to Kaspersky Lab, which is the Russian cybersecurity software maker that claimed responsibility for discovering the virus. REUTERS

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► Friday, May 18 was a much-anticipated date on Wall Street as shares in Facebook made their stock market debut and demand was expected to be historically high

► Yet within hours, it all descended into shambles, and now the lawyers are circling as the finger-pointing starts over who is to blame for the Facebook fiasco

The Facebook FIASCO

Facebook's bungled initial public offering has gone from one of the most highly anticipated stock offerings to a hot legal opportunity for lawyers on both sides of shareholder litigation.

Court battles over the fizzled IPO could run for years, as the social networking company, the banks that took it public and Nasdaq face claims that they short-changed investors.

All of this creates a growing legal headache that could pit defendant versus defendant in assigning blame for the IPO fiasco, said Jacob Frenkel, a partner at law firm Shulman Rogers Gandal Pordy & Ecker and a former enforcement lawyer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"I think we should expect a lot of finger pointing," Frenkel said. "That's the exact reason that this is going to be such an

opportunity for law firms."

Facebook's IPO raised \$16 billion and briefly put a \$100 billion stock market value on the company. But the stock has slumped about 16 percent since the glitch-filled offering on May 18, and the legal problems are mounting.

Plaintiffs have wasted no time in suing.

Class-action firms including Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd and Hagens Berman have sued on behalf of clients against Facebook, its officers and directors, and underwriters Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs in various federal courts.

The suits contend that investors were harmed when analysts who work for Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter, and the other banks allegedly withheld from all but the most favored clients that they had cut projections on Facebook's

400B

Facebook has received more than 400 billion page views in the U.S. so far this year, according to Experian Hitwise.

financial outlook.

"The main underwriters in the middle of the roadshow reduced their estimates and didn't tell everyone," said

Chaos put off other IPOs

The ripple effects of Facebook's botched IPO appear to already be hitting the market for initial public offerings as two companies this week pushed back

Samuel Rudman, a partner at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd.

"I don't think any investor in Facebook wouldn't have wanted to know that information."

A Facebook spokesman, said: "We believe the lawsuit is without merit and will defend ourselves vigorously."

Another Facebook investor sued the Nasdaq in a class action in Manhattan federal court, saying that as prices swung in the first day of trading, investors lost money because

their market debuts.

PC hardware components maker Corsair Components postponed its \$78 million IPO citing market conditions, as did laser hair removal products maker Tria Beauty, which intended to raise \$64 million. **REUTERS**

Nasdaq software glitch means they were unable to confirm that their trades were placed.

Market makers Knight Capital Group and Citadel Securities are each claiming losses of \$30 million to \$35 million tied to the early trading in the IPO and they are looking to Nasdaq to compensate them.

Morgan Stanley said on May 22 that its procedures for the IPO complied with all applicable regulations.

Michael Criden, a lawyer at law firm Criden & Love in Miami, which handles broker misconduct and securities class actions for investors, said he received more than 100 phone calls just last Monday [May 21] from Facebook investors who wanted to know what their recourse was following the bungled trading.

"That's going to be a legal boon for anyone," Criden said. **REUTERS**

Facebook backlash?

Daniel Gross, economic editor at Yahoo! Finance, warned that Facebook must be careful it doesn't go the route of MySpace, which just a few years ago was extremely popular and now is rarely used.

"I think there is a general concern over the faddishness of social media sites and their sustainability," said Gross. "Will people start to leave it for something else? Will some new killer app be developed? Will there be some sort of backlash against the widespread sharing of information? At some point, Facebook will saturate the market." **METRO/CB**

Timeline

Tuesday, May 15

In an unexpected move, the day before Facebook establishes the initial price of its shares, General Motors announces it is withdrawing its advertising from the social networking site. GM says the ads simply don't work.



Friday, May 18

9:30 a.m.: The regular U.S. stock market trading day begins. Nasdaq tells traders the Facebook IPO will start trading at 11 a.m.

11 a.m.: comes and goes, and still no trading. The next 30 minutes sees confusion all round as no-one seems to know what is going on.

11:28 a.m.: An unnamed Nasdaq staffer announces that shares in Facebook will begin trading in two minutes.

11:30 a.m.: Shares in Facebook begin trading. More than 80 million shares



change hands in the first 30 seconds.

Midday: Some traders complain that their Facebook orders were not being completed. Others say they are getting shares at a higher price than agreed.

Mid-afternoon: Several traders make fruitless requests for Nasdaq to suspend trading in Facebook while problems are sorted out.

Monday, May 21

Nasdaq issues a "mea culpa," explaining that problems were caused by a "technical error." Traders submitting changes to their orders for Facebook shares on Friday morning, sent Nasdaq's software into a loop. At 11:30 a.m., Nasdaq changed to a different system allowing trading to begin. That meant that some orders that came in during the switch from one system to the other, did not go through. Others were filled at the wrong price later on the Friday.

Close of business: Facebook shares fall to \$34 from an initial price of \$38.

Tuesday, May 22

Some brokerages say they still are not sure if some of their orders had been processed, and at what price.



► Zuckerberg

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg sells 30.2 million Facebook shares at \$37.58 each, for \$1.13 billion. Director Peter Thiel offloads 16.8 million shares for \$633 million. By the close of business that day, the shares had fallen to \$31, meaning Zuckerberg saved himself \$174 million by cashing in early.

Mid-afternoon: A Reuters report says analysts at Facebook's lead underwriter, Morgan Stanley, received "privileged information" about Facebook's earnings, before the share's market debut, and didn't share it with ordinary investors.

Later that afternoon another Reuters report says Morgan Stanley and three other underwriters, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan and Bank of America, reduced their earnings outlook for Facebook to "strikingly similar" levels. Observers regard this lining up of earnings estimates as unusual.

That same day, Nasdaq is sued in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan over the trading problems the previous Friday.

Wednesday, May 23

A group of Facebook shareholders file a lawsuit in New York district court, alleging that key information about Facebook's financial fortunes was "selectively disclosed" to big banks ahead of the public offering.

Facebook issues a statement saying the claims are "without merit."

Friday, May 25

Facebook shares close at \$31.91 — a drop of around 17 percent since the opening.

Facebook facts

- Facebook became the No. 1 ranked website in the U.S. on March 9, 2010. (It's also the top social networking site in the U.K., Canada, Brazil, France, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore.)
- The word "Facebook" is the most searched term in the U.S. — and has been since July 18, 2009.
- Users visit Facebook.com on average for 20 minutes.
- Women make up 56 percent of Facebook's audience.
- Ten states account for more than half (52 percent) of visits to Facebook so far this year. They are: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia and North Carolina.
- Facebook users appear to be loyal: 96 percent of visitors to the site were returning visitors (defined as someone who had visited within the past 30 days) in April.
- Between 2005 and 2009, Facebook doubled its traffic every year.

Source: Experian Hitwise

An unmitigated disaster — and the little guys suffer most

As Facebook reels, financial experts say they have never before seen an initial public offering handled so poorly.

"The Facebook IPO has been an unmitigated disaster," said Andrew Stoltmann, a Chicago-based securities attorney who litigates IPO cases. "For such a high-profile IPO, it could not have been handled worse."

And Stoltmann predicted the fallout will have long-term consequences.

"This will likely turn off retail investors for years from investing in IPOs," he warned. "The litigation will take years to untangle. The blame will get spread out between Facebook, the underwriters like Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley as well as NASDAQ."

Facebook's plunging stock prices are coupled with the

fact that many people are still skeptical over whether buying stock in the social networking giant can really make people rich — the way, say, shares of Apple are doing now.

"By the time Facebook ramped up the price range and the offer size, the media was already asking questions about the firm's potential," said Laura Gonzalez, an assistant professor of finance and business economics at Fordham University. "Or the lack of it for that kind of expectation, given Facebook's business model and current profitability per user."

Others agree the pressure is now on Facebook to live up to the hype.

"Facebook is making money," said Daniel Gross, economic editor at Yahoo! Finance. "But, can it grow into

Quoted

"When [the] middle class suffers, patience runs short. The Romans used to say that it's important to keep the circus and bread going. Well, the bread is becoming harder to earn and there isn't enough circus to blind Main Street anymore."

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the high valuation that the market has put on it? And can it sell ads in mobile environments? That's the big question. Nobody has really been able to do that successfully — place ads on smartphones and iPhones. And the data is showing that with each passing day more and more people are accessing Facebook through mobile devices."

Three investors sued Facebook Wednesday, alleging that, after the IPO, the company deliberately failed to let investors know that their quarterly and full-year revenue forecasts had been lowered.

Coming so immediately after the financial collapse of 2008 when big banks triggered a massive global recession yet few bankers were ever held accountable, the Facebook mess has touched a

nerve with regular investors.

"Apparently, after 10 years of Sarbanes-Oxley there is still room for clubby information exchanges among the few true insiders," mused Andreas Scherer, a former executive at AOL and now managing partner at Salto Partners, a D.C.-based management consultant. "Nobody has an interest in an ill-defined process that creates mistrust, public uproar and lawsuits."

"The wounds are fresh," agreed Gonzalez. "We are trying to leave crisis days behind ... but it turns out that some material information was leaked to big institutional investors to the detriment of other, less connected investors."



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Analysts, athletes play ball

► A growing academic field uses math to study baseball ► Courses in US colleges, including Tufts and Seton Hall ► We touch base with sabermetrics maven Andy Andres

By definition

Sabermetrics is the use of statistical analysis to study baseball. It is typically used to better understand the value of individual players and the effects of in-game strategy.

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Until 10 years ago, Andy Andres drew a line between his passion for baseball and his academic career. But when Baseball HQ — a popular fantasy baseball site — asked him to research a few major league players, he happened upon a perfect synthesis of his scientific training and hardball geekdom.

By 2004, Andres founded his own sabermetrics (see sidebar) course at Tufts University, following the Red Sox's first World Series championship in more than 80 years. Now this full-time Boston University biol-



► Andres

ogy professor finds himself amidst a growing field of academic study (baseball, not biology). These days sabermetrics courses can be found at many universities, with more on the

way.

"Students are doing it on their own all over the country, and there's hundreds if not thousands of them that want to do this kind of work for their careers," says Andres. "I think there will be a slow groundswell. It's a niche course right now. I don't think it will remain that way."

But will we ever see a job listing that reads: "Wanted: General Manager of Boston Red Sox. Requirements: extraordinary patience and an M.A. in baseball analytics"?

Likely not. But, in the post-"Moneyball" era, the MLB has certainly warmed to the eggheads in the front office.

"We're seeing the trend now: Baseball teams are hiring very good analysts. They're all college graduates," says Andres. "These people are very good at computer science and statistics. So, already, you need to be very proficient in these areas of your college study to work in baseball."



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Beyonce is back

Radiant new mama **Beyonce** was back on the stage for a four-night engagement at Atlantic City's Revel casino over the holiday weekend, and she didn't forget to pack her signature assortment of sparkly two-piece costumes and sky-high heels. But the singer admits it wasn't easy to get in beach shape by Memorial Day.

"Y'all have no idea how hard I worked," she told her audience — which included **Michelle, Sasha and Malia Obama** — during her Saturday evening performance. "I had to lose 60 pounds. They had me on that treadmill. I ate lettuce! Now, tonight, I'm going to get chocolate wasted."

Now, we always thought the rumors that Beyonce hired a surrogate and faked her pregnancy were crazy (unless it was a particularly slow gossip day). But can you imagine this lady at a gym or eating anything as lowly as lettuce? If she is, in fact, human, we're having a hard time believing Beyonce had a baby in January.



► **Bootylicious:** Beyonce was looking good over the weekend.

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Kim Kardashian has a baggage claim

After returning home from the Cannes Film Festival, **Kim Kardashian** wasn't pleased to discover that not all of her luggage made it back to Los Angeles safely.

"Very disappointed in British Airways for opening my luggage and taking some special items of mine! Some things are sentimental and not replaceable," she tweeted.

Not cool, guys — those kitten-lined Uggs were made just for Kim by **Satan** himself.



Kardashian

The Biel fairy tale continues

Justin Timberlake and **Jessica Biel** celebrated their engagement over the weekend with friends including **Lance Bass, JC Chasez, Ellen DeGeneres, Portia DeRossi** and **Amy Adams**, according to *Us Weekly*.

As for Bass, he's happy that his old 'N Sync friend is settling down with Biel. "She has always been one of the guys," he tells the magazine. "She's like a best friend. It's like hanging out with a best friend."



► **Timberlake and Biel**

Does this mean she gets to fill in for **Joey Fatone** on the "Bye Bye Bye" dance? This chick is one step away from driving the Barbie convertible of my dreams.

Bieber accused of battery

Justin Bieber may have finally had enough. The singer is a suspect in a criminal battery

case after getting into a "physical altercation" with a paparazzo in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, according to the police report. The "victim complained of pain and requested medical attention"

and was taken to the hospital.

We're curious: Is there enough money in Bieber's bank account for you to admit that his baby-soft hands were capable of inflicting pain?

Talking points

Spears can't sit still on 'X Factor'

Britney Spears' "X Factor" tenure is off to a rough start. After allegedly storming off the set after a contestant's rendition of one her hits the first day of filming — a claim she denied on Twitter — Spears reportedly made another sudden exit on her second day, according to *Us*



► **Spears**

Weekly. "After a very popular contestant finished, Brit stood up and immediately walked towards the tunnel where judges enter," a source says. "Her bodyguards [and entourage] jumped up and ran after her. She was moving fast. It was odd." While the reason for her departure was unclear, the source says Spears returned after a short while and resumed her work as though nothing had happened.

Gaga cancels Jakarta show

After weeks of protest from a religious group, **Lady Gaga** decided to cancel a tour stop in Jakarta, Indonesia. "There is nothing holy about hatred," she posted on Twitter, explaining her decision. "We had to cancel the concert in Indonesia. I'm so very sorry to the fans and just as devastated as you if not more. You are everything to me. I will try to put together something special for you." The protesting group, the Islamic Defenders Front, insisted Gaga is a "devil's messenger" and claimed that her image would "destroy the country's

morals." They promised "chaos" if the concert went ahead as planned.

Theron talks nude scenes

Charlize Theron doesn't have a problem with doing nude scenes — as long as they're shot from the right angle. "I am very good with side nudity. I tend to find that's probably my best kind of nudity," she tells *MTV News*. "Back is a little too much back; I need an angle. I like angular nudity."



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Justin Bieber is being coy, Neil Patrick Harris is laying down some Twitter rules, Joan Rivers has holiday gripes and Kelly Osbourne is prepared.

@justinbieber: am i about to be doing free shows around the world to surprise fans?? hmmm.

@ActuallyNPH: In the Just So You Know Department: incessantly tweeting me to respond to you will almost assuredly achieve the opposite result.

@Joan_Rivers: I hate that the Indy 500 takes place over Memorial Day Weekend. Name one Civil-War soldier who could drive a race car.

@MissKellyO: Always wear your cutest pajamas to bed you'll never know who you'll meet in your dreams!



Bieber



Sorry, Alec: No one is famous at the airport

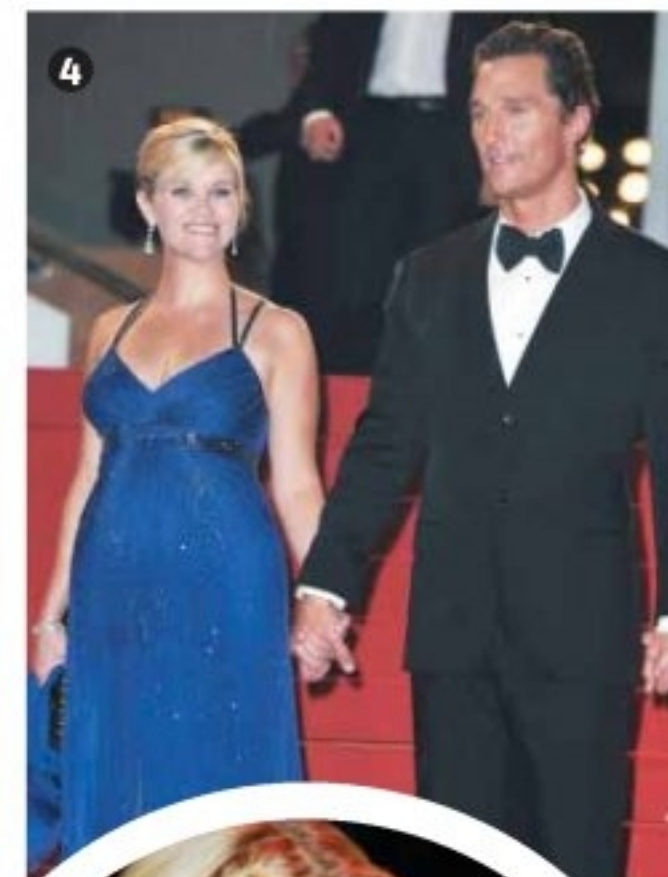
1 Petty thrill of the day: Even movie stars have to deal with airport security. **Diane Kruger** was spotted at the Nice airport returning home from the Cannes Film Festival.

2 We wouldn't want to be the one to tell **Alec Baldwin** that these bags need to be checked.

3 That's one way to pull off a skateboard stunt: **Ben Stiller** was filming scenes for "The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty" in New York over the weekend.

4 An expectant **Reese Witherspoon** was on the Cannes red carpet for the premiere of "Mud," her new film with **Matthew McConaughey**.

5 **Paris Hilton** was in Las Vegas making this face over the weekend. Of course she was.



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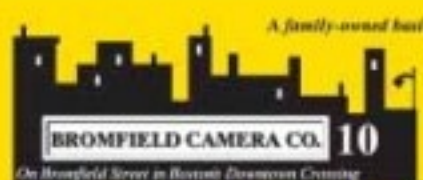
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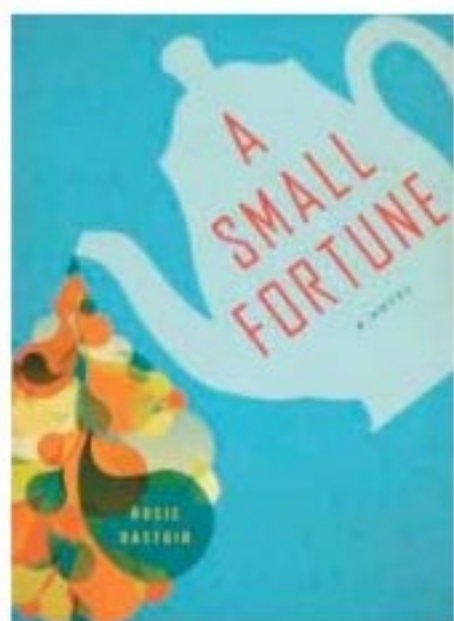


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Relatively speaking: An interview with author Rosie Dastgir

In her debut novel "A Small Fortune," British author Rosie Dastgir asks: How do you distinguish between obligation, indebtedness and responsibility?

Harris, a middle-aged divorcee living north of London, is a lapsed everything — Muslim, Pakistani, father, uncle, boyfriend. After his marriage fails, the patriarch's desperate attempts to rein in what's left in his life backfires, resulting in a total loss of control. Misunderstandings abound when, as a gesture of good faith, Harris tries to rid himself of the burden of his divorce settlement — a sum of just over 53,000 pounds — leading him to make a regrettably rash decision. While his intentions come from the heart, the more he meddles in family affairs, the more strained relations become, exposing generational and spiritual rifts that test the bonds of bloodlines and brotherhood. We took tea with Dastgir to discuss platitudes, cultural attitudes and compromise.

Having expectations often leads to disappointment. Harris has high expectations, yet finds himself unhappily settling quite often. Is settling actually a good thing that we resist? I think there's a kind of elegance and beauty to settling, or compromise. There's humane-



► Rosie Dastgir

ness to that. Harris is pulled in all these different directions, so he has this sense of burden and, therefore, expectations. Settling isn't the worst thing a person can do. It can actually be damage control.

Kinship ties are strong, even overpowering. Harris' daughter, Alia, mistrusts her father's use of the term "community" as it refers to their extended family.

What I've tried to capture in the book is the ambiguity and ambivalence of all of these catchphrases: What it means to be a Muslim. What it means to be a good friend. An extended family can be an amazing support network, but it can also be

oppressive. And that word, "community," can be oppressive. It is a group of people with a shared set of values — that's the broadest, loosest definition. But what interests me are the fault lines of those values and the way those values clash. People talk about the Muslim community, and one thing I've tried to show is that there are many different types of Muslims — devout ones, doubting ones, secular ones — just as there are in any other community.

Money is a driving force behind the characters' decisions. And it gets in the way of freedom.

I've thought about this theme a

lot and it's tricky. If you're saddled with debt, it hampers you in a profound way. Money can hamper you practically and it can hamper you spiritually in that you become wedded to a notion of consumption and materialism that isn't really what you should chase after. That said, if you have a sense of what things cost and what you owe, you don't take anything for granted.

Like the protagonists, before writing, did you or your family foresee a different career path?

I was the youngest of three children, so [my family] had given up by the time they got to me. [Laughs] I studied English and

Q&A

What about Pakistani culture do you hope readers take away from the book?

The portrayal of Pakistani culture has been demonizing in the media. I wanted to tell an ordinary, heartfelt story that would appeal to all sorts of people, that wasn't so ethnically specific. And to redress a balance of the image that people have in the West.

would have liked to do theater directing, but I ended up studying film. And then I worked for the BBC in production. I really was a frustrated writer all of that time. So after having a lot of stuff getting stuck in development, I moved to New York and thought, I'm just going to have a go at writing.

What do you consider your small — or great — fortune in life?

It's been meeting my husband and having our two children, seeing that the best thing in life is loving and being loved.

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All that 'Heaven' will allow

► With the Walkmen's latest release, singer Hamilton Leithauser talks love, success, accessibility and Sinatra

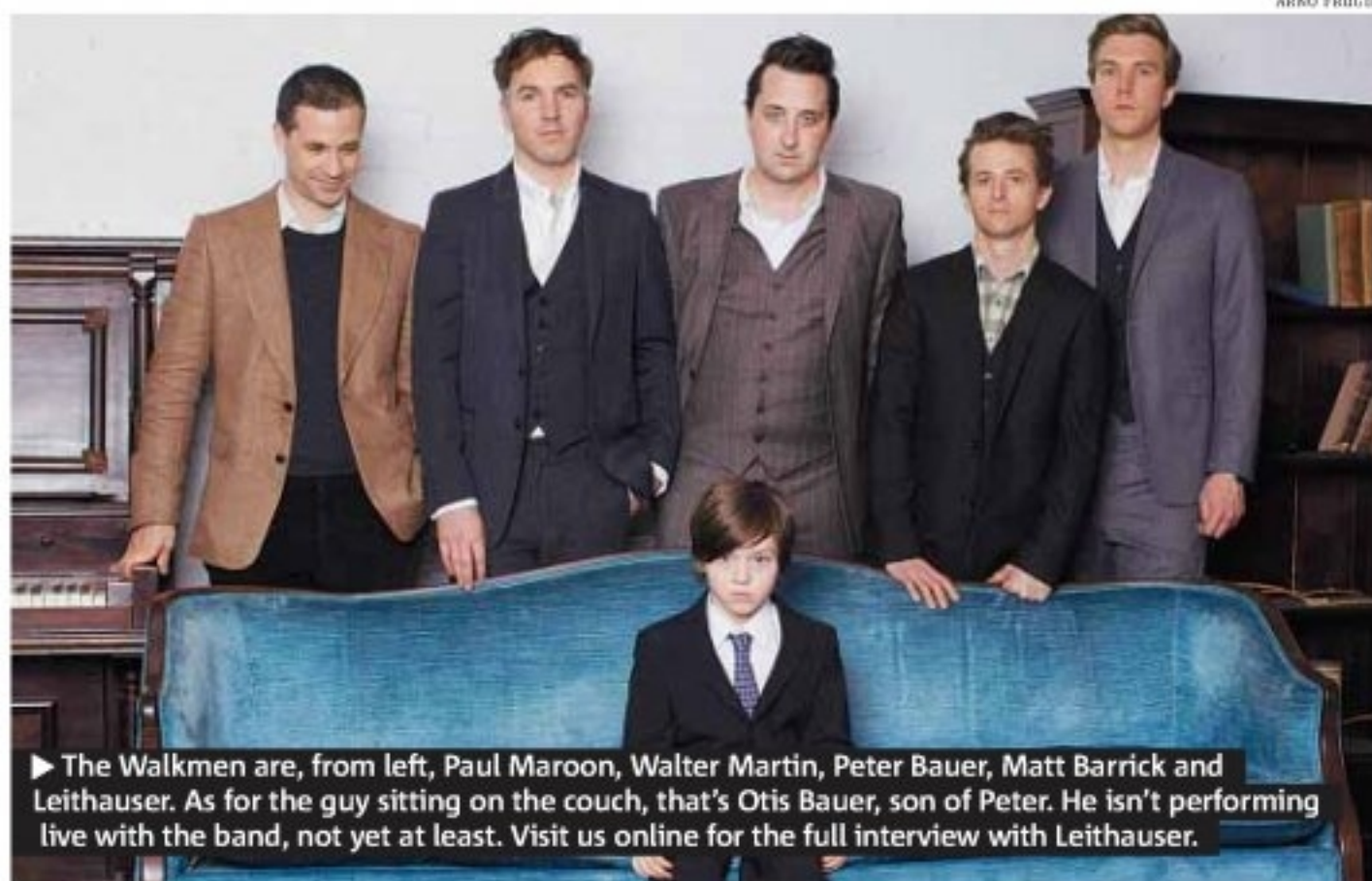
Hamilton Leithauser needs a jump-start. The singer for the Walkmen says his Ford Escape is an otherwise reliable car, but he left his hazards on while visiting a friend and the battery died. But if "Heaven" — the brand new Walkmen album, out today — does as well as it seems like it was designed to do, he might not have to be concerned about his Ford for much longer.

"I'm waiting for a Bentley on this one," says the singer with a laugh.

His good humor is likely because within the first decade of the band's existence, mainstream success has never presented itself — or even seemed to have been a goal for the

Walkmen. Beginning as a buzz band that appeared to be unwillingly lumped in with NYC's leather-clad class of 2002, the band have persevered and watched their cult of believers steadily expand with each of their six original releases. Each effort has displayed a growing sophistication in songwriting and an approach to recording that showcases both an appreciation for classic 1950s sounds and an unadulterated love of punk rock. But with "Heaven," the band seems to be reaching for something that could even lead to Leithauser buying a rock star car.

"I think we were happy to make a big record, which is not something we always want to do," says the singer. "By 'big' I



► The Walkmen are, from left, Paul Maroon, Walter Martin, Peter Bauer, Matt Barrick and Leithauser. As for the guy sitting on the couch, that's Otis Bauer, son of Peter. He isn't performing live with the band, not yet at least. Visit us online for the full interview with Leithauser.

Q&A: Shiny, happy people

The tone of "Heaven" is interesting, because if you're not listening closely to the words the album almost sounds happy — another new thing for the Walkmen.

"I'd say that we weren't afraid to be happy, which sometimes you are if the music is happy," says Leithauser. "If you start singing about how happy you are, it can get so nauseating. In the past it's been really hard for us to stay interested in stuff like that, honestly."

mean that I hope it's accessible and I hope that people will like it, but I mean more that it's got big songs and big dynamics and big sounds, and that it's really bombastic."

But Leithauser says that was not the initial plan. When the band tapped Phil Ek to produce, they had in mind the quiet woven harmonies he had brought out in Fleet Foxes.

"Every time we've tried to plan, it just ends up pigeon-holing us," says Leithauser.

To be sure though, there are a few quiet songs on the album, more delicate than anything they've ever done before. And all throughout the album, Leithauser sings explicitly about love, something that's definitely new for the band.

"I think one of the things I was trying to do with some of the rock songs was to have really simple, sort of classic lyrics that on their own can be sort of dull and lifeless," he says.

Leithauser's role model for this straight-forward approach: Frank Sinatra.

"He would read the lyrics over and over and over again to try to determine what the person was thinking before he decided if he wanted to sing the song or not," he says. "And I just thought that the sound and the way that he cared was pretty inspiring, so I listened to a lot of his stuff while I was writing this."

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TV watch list



► Grayson and Jules get married on the season finale of "Cougar Town."

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'Cougar Town'

COMEDY. Jules breaks out Big Lou (aka the largest wine glass you've ever seen — RIP Big Carl) on any old weekend. So what is this gal going to toast with when she and Grayson get hitched tonight? Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC

'Big Brooklyn Style'

REALITY. The plus-size shopping experience gets a cute boutique makeover as the owners of Lee Lee's Valise in Brooklyn, transform customers' wardrobes with clothes that fit — and look great. Series premiere, 10 p.m., TLC

'Tosh.0'

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Brooklyn Decker gets a little action

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► When she's not getting her hands dirty in action movies, Brooklyn Decker looks pretty good on their red carpets.

After making the jump from modeling to film with the Adam Sandler comedy "Just With It," Brooklyn Decker has been getting something of a crash course in moviemaking. And her latest, the big-budget alien invasion film "Battle-ship," provided some particularly physical lessons.

"I was shooting another movie at the time, and I was told that Peter Berg was directing and I couldn't see a script because it was very secretive at the time," she says, noting that Berg — director of films like "Hancock" and "Friday Night Lights" — was enough. "At the mention of the name Peter Berg, I wanted to audition for it. And so I sent in a tape from location, and then I went to L.A. and auditioned for it three

"If you look at all the female characters in Pete's movies, they're so dynamic. You never see a woman in his movies play the damsel in distress." DECKER

times after that. And then finally I got to actually read with Pete. And I think he wanted to see how tough I was."

How tough are we talking? Let's just say that, to hear Decker tell it, Berg has a rather unique directing style. "He's known for having a way with directing actors," she says. "There were times when he

would be screaming along with me, there were times when he would fire a machine gun off in the bushes to get a reaction he wanted."

So with an action flick under her belt, is Decker looking for more explosions or heading back to comedies? (She's also in the just-released "What to Expect When You're Expecting.") "You know, I just want to play really good characters and work with really good directors," she says. "If you look at all the female characters in Pete's movies, they're so dynamic. You never see a woman in his movies play the damsel in distress. He usually makes women really well-rounded, and if I get a chance to continue playing characters like that, I'll be a very, very happy lady."

► The model-turned-actress jumped at the chance to work on 'Battle-ship' with director Peter Berg ► And she's not just another damsel in distress

Berg on Decker's important role

While Decker's character doesn't actually spend any time on the water, Berg doesn't think that makes her any less important.

► "She's on land fighting for her life with a double-amputee. It's this crazy duo. Brooklyn plays a physical therapist with this wounded warrior from the military, and to me that's a huge part of the film," he says.

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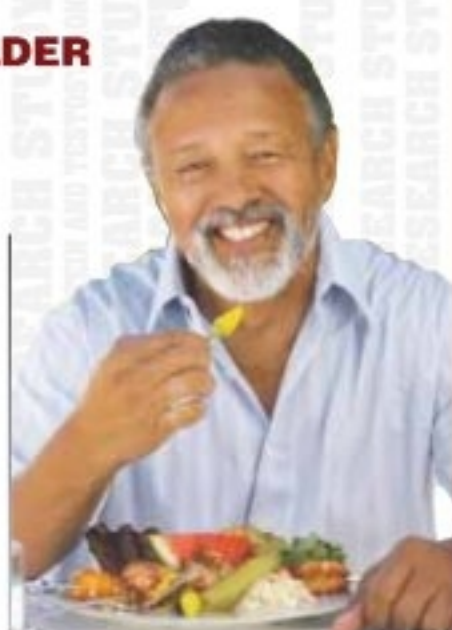
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Applying cognitive behavioral therapy to career counseling

► New model of career coaching draws on therapeutic techniques

Already a practicing career coach, Steven Sheward attended Goldsmiths University of London to add a degree in cognitive behavioral therapy to his résumé. Shortly after graduating, a big idea hit him: Traditional CBT techniques could be very effective in career counseling. He soon partnered with Rhena Branch, a fellow Goldsmiths professor and co-author of "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy For Dummies."

Sheward and Branch's new book, "Motivational Career Counseling and Coaching: Cognitive and Behavioral Approaches," was released by Sage Publications last week. It is the first-ever manual for CBT-style career coaching.

"Although some counseling models have been used in careers guidance, I don't think

there's anything that's been around that's as extensive as this," says Sheward. "We're hoping this is a new model."

A practicing therapist in the U.K. National Health Service, Sheward treats patients with post-traumatic stress, depression, anxiety and other diagnoses on a daily basis. But he is convinced that CBT is not just for mental illness.

"In our profession, we assume that there's a psychological problem to be treated," says Sheward. "But in this context, it's about using the theory and the skills to optimize the way people deal with everyday challenges: going for jobs and succeeding in the workplace."

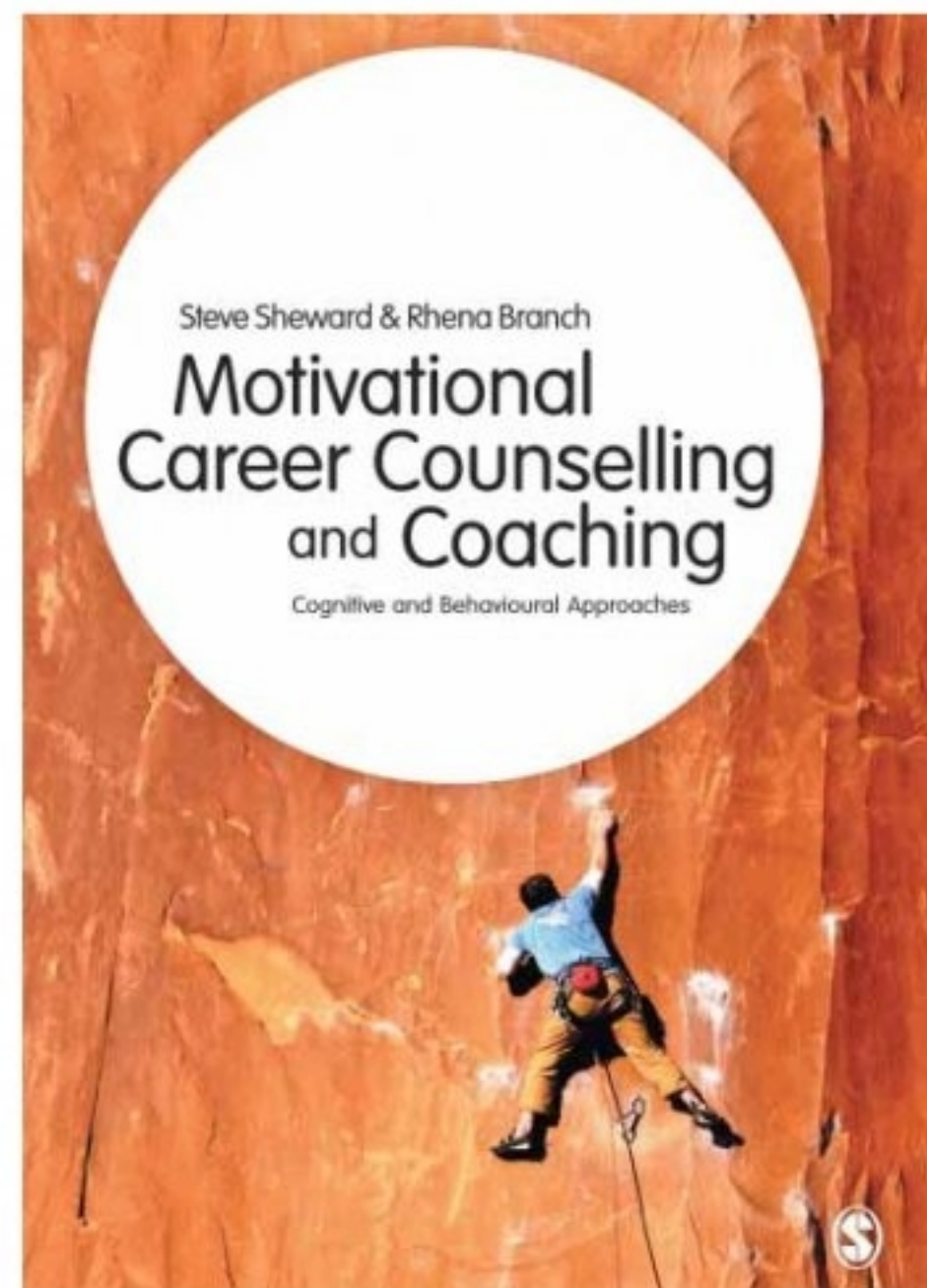


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CBT 101

Cognitive behavioral therapy is the most common form of psychological therapy practiced. Based on longstanding research related to human behavior and perception, the practice encourages participants to examine their perceptions of past experiences — especially traumatic ones — in order to diminish or eliminate current negative behaviors.



Breaking it down

Psychologist Steve Sheward claims that utilizing the principles of cognitive behavioral therapy can help the unemployed find work by reducing out-of-work stress in three key areas:

- 1 Breaking through a lethargy cycle
- 2 Helping to alleviate constant or recurring negative thoughts
- 3 Diminishing the high levels of anxiety that are commonly experienced by the recently unemployed

How to handle your cranky boss

He might raise his voice, pound his fists or even roll his eyes one too many times. He's the cranky boss — the one who seriously needs to take a nap — and he's throwing a fit in offices everywhere. It's time to learn how to handle him.

First, know what you're dealing with. According to Rita Gunther McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School, there are two types of grouches: "permanent" and "situational." For the situational types, McGrath suggests noting what occasions and issues tend to provoke negative episodes. She elaborates: "You need to understand what the person's goals and motivations are and why they may be frustrated in achieving these. If you can help them with their goals,



► "Malcontented bosses are like unreasonably disgruntled children," says consultant Sarah Hathorn.

"Solving the attitude issues of your boss is not part of your job description."

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they are often able to dial back on the bad karma."

And as for that permanent grump? "Have an escape route," says McGrath.

Michael Roberto, professor of management at Bryant University, suggests enlisting the help of others. "Find someone who has thrived working for this boss and ask them for tips on how to handle this person. What are their keys to success?" Or you can reach further. "Find a mentor elsewhere in

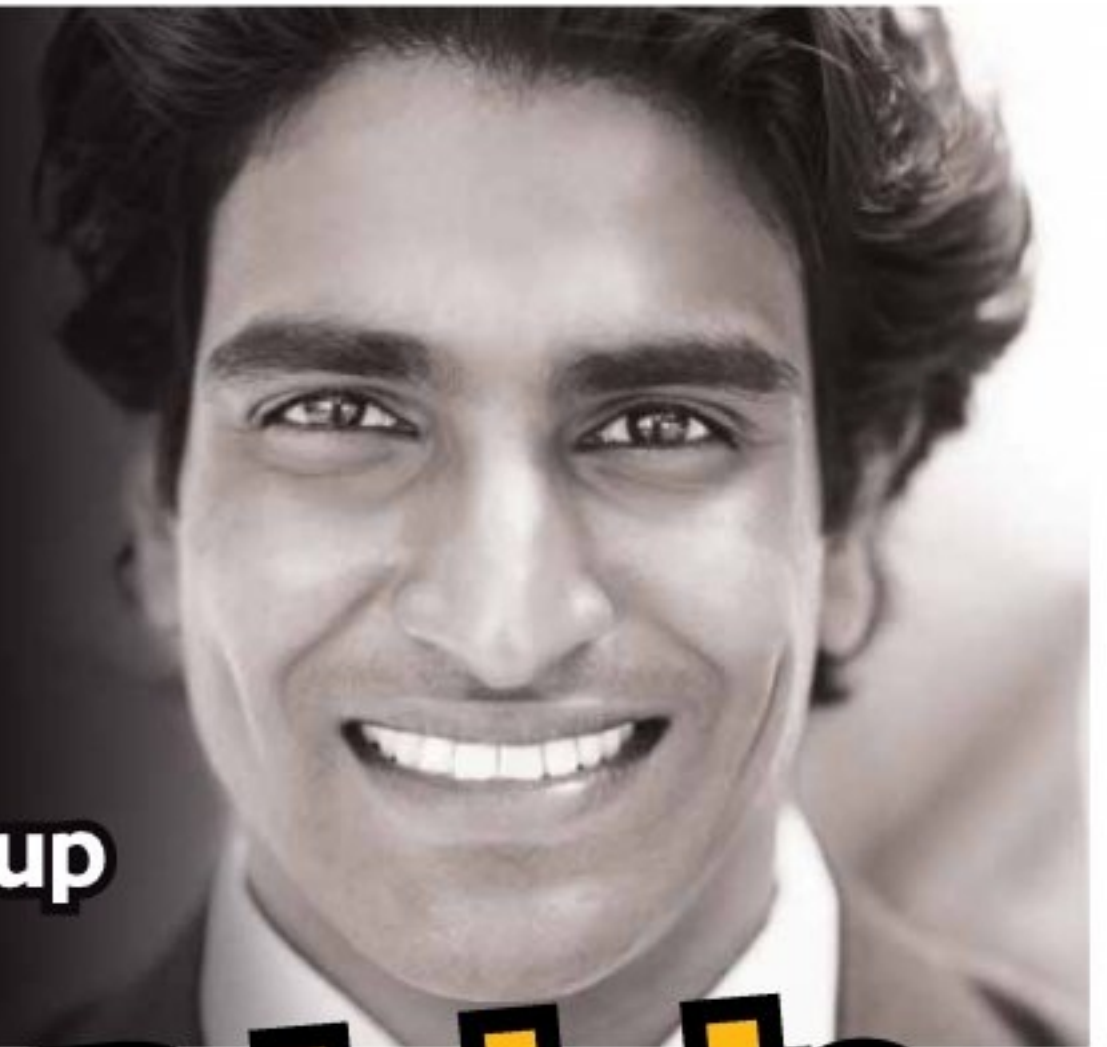
the organization so that you meet your developmental needs in a different way, rather than letting your development stagnate while working for this cranky boss."

When all else fails, be the adult in the room. "Malcontented bosses are like unreasonably disgruntled children," explains Sarah Hathorn, CEO and founder of Illustra Consulting. "Solving the attitude issues of your boss is not part of your job description. Stick to the real challenges and professional tasks by maintaining your own positive outlook, can-do attitude and healthy work and life balance. Strive for performance and productivity while distinguishing between drama and bottom-line results."

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The consensus on concussions

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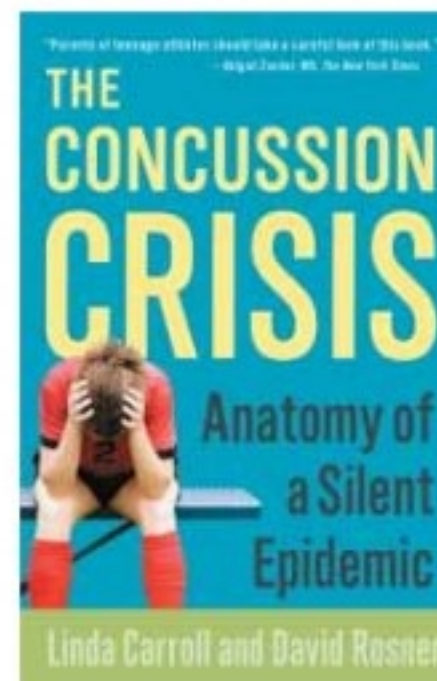
Our brains are extremely vulnerable. This is the message Linda Carroll and David Rosner want to get across in their book, "The Concussion Crisis: Anatomy of a Silent Epidemic."

In recent years, stories started to surface about football players suffering lasting brain damage from multiple concussions, Carroll says.

Dr. Bill Meehan, Director of the Sports Concussion Clinic and Director of Brain Injury Research at Children's Hospital Boston, defines a concussion as a "trauma-induced brain dysfunction." When a person suffers a concussion, there is no structural damage to the brain and no bruising, bleeding or swelling. The problem is the functionality of the brain.

"You can't see a concussion," he explains. "You diagnose it by history and physical examination."

According to the book, children's brains are far more vulnerable than those of adults because their brains have not yet finished developing. Young athletes are also more susceptible to second-impact syndrome, which is when they sustain a jolt after they've suffered a concussion that was not treated



Pick up on the warning signs

Parents of young athletes should look out for the following concussion symptoms:

- ▶ Vomiting
- ▶ Confusion
- ▶ Loss of consciousness
- ▶ Running the wrong way on the field/court
- ▶ Falling down

properly. While rare, this could lead to a lifelong disability and even death.

If concussion symptoms are noticeable (see sidebar), Dr. Meehan says the athlete should be pulled from a game immediately — even if he or she is used to playing through pain and injury. If proper treatment is administered, a full recovery is expected; but in the worst-case scenario, he says, an untreated concussion can lead to catastrophic brain injury. Other long-term problems include issues with memory, reaction time, depression and anxiety.

When a concussion occurs, activities that require concentration, like schoolwork and video games, should come to a halt. Dr. Meehan also recommends discontinuing working out and lifting weights.

Though Dr. Meehan says there's been an increase in diagnoses, thankfully this is a problem that "in a large part, people are more aware [of]."

Adds Carroll: "We'd like people to take concussions much more seriously and to make sports as safe as possible."

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If you don't like it, then don't do it

You know in the polarizing debate on marriage equality, conservatives like to claim they are protecting marriage. With 50 percent of marriages ending in divorce, I would consider it more logical to allow more people to marry and make divorce illegal. As Wanda Sykes said in one of her shows: "If you don't like same-sex marriage don't marry someone of the same sex."

DANIEL JELKE, VIA E-MAIL

Let's stop the blame and fix the system

RE: "IT'S THE GOVERNMENT, STUPID": What crashed the economy was a technical problem. It's not that Republicans are stupid and capitalists are evil; it's not that De-

mocrats are stupid and government is evil. Financial markets always have their ups and downs. When the system is set up right, the downs just mean that those who put their money at risk take a loss. When the system is broken, the downs crash the economy. Let's quit the blame game and fix the system. **DAN WYLLIE-SEARS, BRIGHTON**

Federal Reserve Board data show that more than 84 percent of the subprime mortgages in 2006 were issued by private lending institutions, private firms made nearly 83 percent of the subprime loans to low and moderate income borrowers that year, and only one of the top 25 subprime lenders in 2006 was directly subject to the fair-housing law you consider "extraconstitutional." I am

sure your brain shut down and ears stopped at "Federal Reserve," so I offer this without comment and a challenge: Find data that counters this. I said "data," not anecdotes.

TARA EDWARDS, DORCHESTER

Sports figures never say anything new

I'm an avid sports fan. I am not well-heeled, so I get the majority of my fix by watching television. Here's the question: Does anyone out there really want to abide all those silly questions and so-called live interviews being babbled about so prevalently on every telecast? We've heard all the answers a thousand times. Nothing's new! It's like canned laughter, it's always virtually the same. It's just a bunch of hokey be-

ing constantly repeated, a load of nothing already written or spoken by someone else somewhere else. I'm so sick of the premise that whoever is being talked about is the greatest person ever.

MOULTRUIE L. LOWERY,
VIA E-MAIL

Nanny state teaches us how to get killed

Just a few decades ago, we were taught to watch the cars as we walked and crossed the streets. Now, things have been turned on their heads: More and more, we see traffic signs that pedestrians have the right of way. And more pedestrians have lost their lives as they blithely stroll into traffic. Kind of reminds me of the ill-fated, and mandatory, motorcycle helmet laws resulting in more motorcycle deaths (they take too many risks with the mistaken idea that helmets will save them). This is another case of unnecessary and unconstitutional federal laws that have the opposite result of the intent.

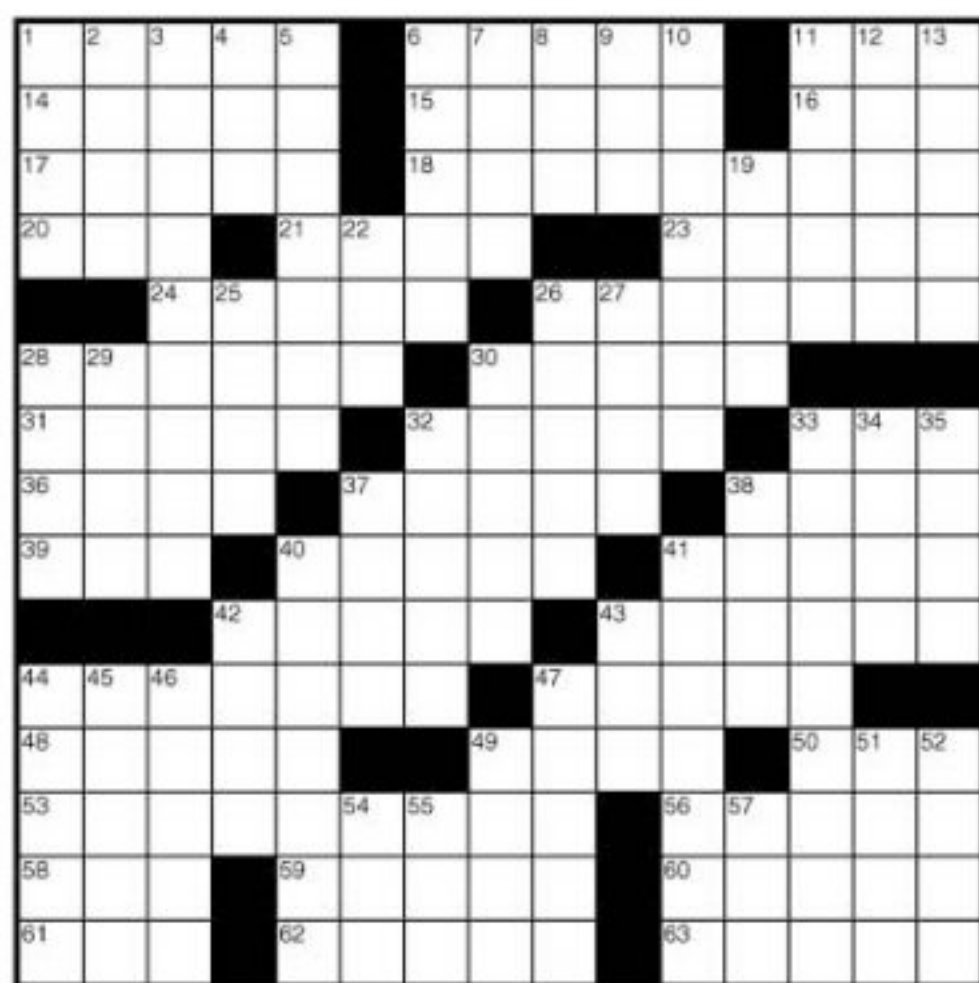
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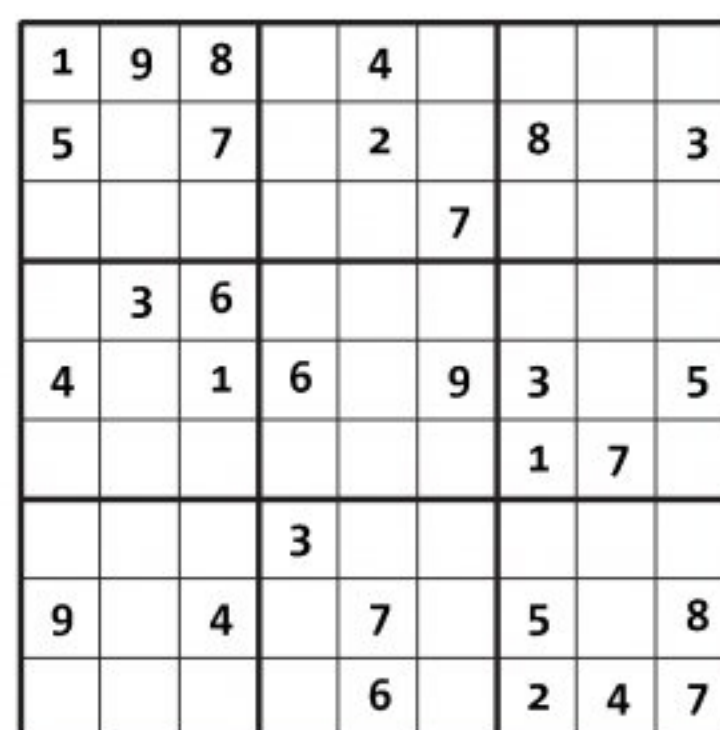
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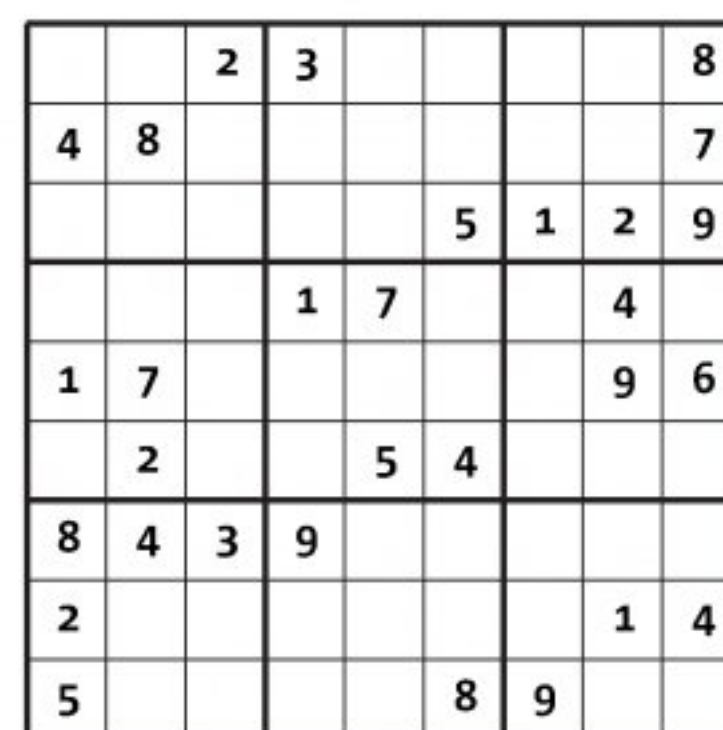
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Solution to Thursday's crossword



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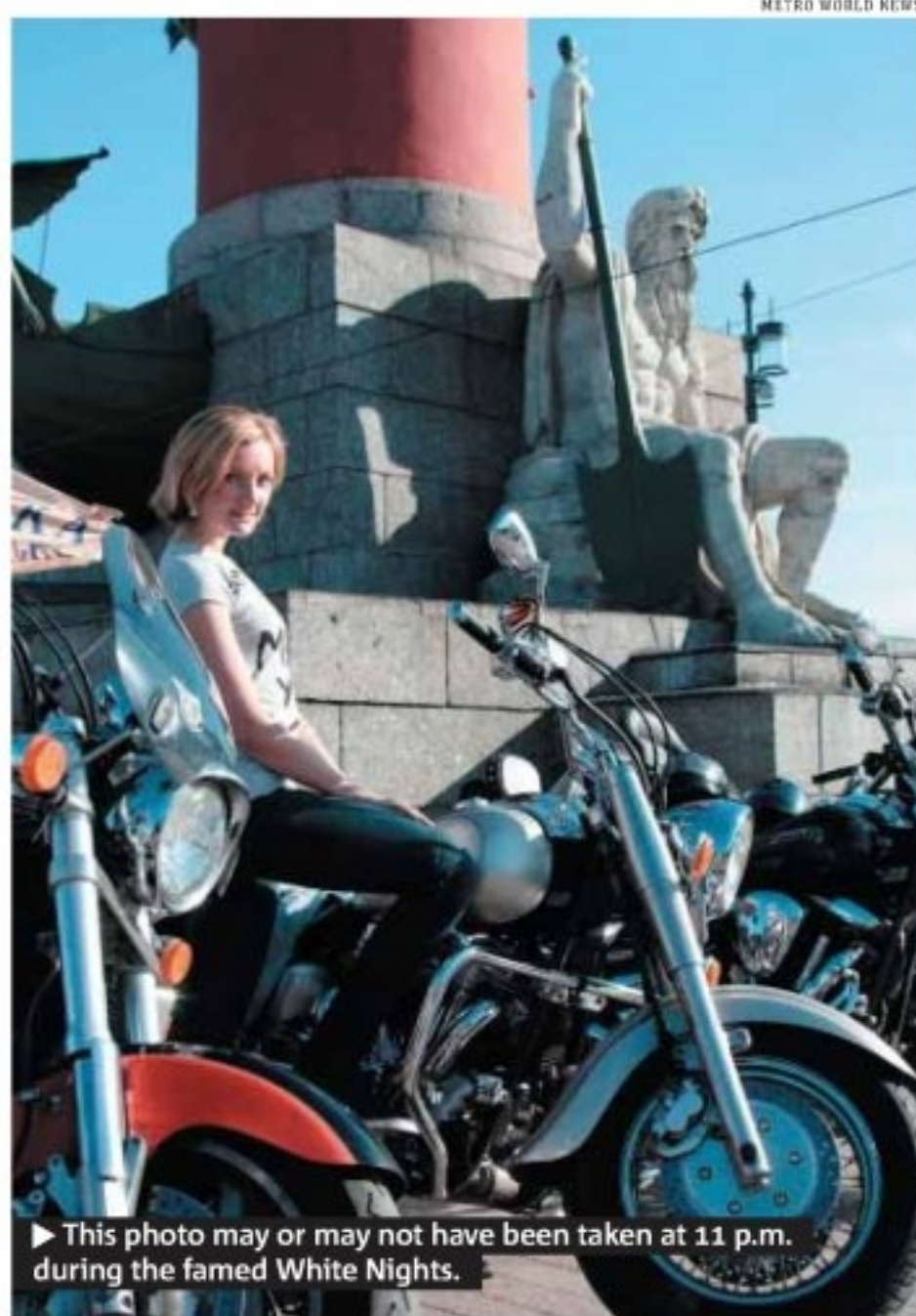
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► This photo may or may not have been taken at 11 p.m. during the famed White Nights.

The White Nights arrive

► For most of June in St. Petersburg, daylight casts a glow over the city — at all hours ► When you get that much out of each day, there's no better time to visit

A good guidebook will tell you what to see in Russia: the Hermitage (one of the largest museums in the world), the Mariinsky Theatre (for famous Russian ballet) and of course, you can go further afield to Gatchina (with Pavlovsk Palace) or Pushkin (with Catherine's Palace and Amber Room) and Peterhof (with its fountains). In addition, Metro rounded up the places that locals find cool.

See the city

Sure, you can go on excursions by bus or by boat — but why not try a new, exciting option: a motorcycle guide or moto voyage (www.moto-voyage.ru)? You can choose between "Classic Petersburg" or "Another Petersburg," the latter a unique tour of the little-known attractions of the city, such as Vasilievsky Island. Also, try the "Dostoevsky's Petersburg" excursion and check out the flat where the famous writer lived and the house from the novel "Crime and Punishment."

Where to eat

For a true St. Pete experience, head to **Mari Vanna** (www.mari-vanna.ru) and order the borsht, blinis, goulash and other traditional dishes. The restaurant looks like a typical Soviet utility flat. In the corridor, you'll be met by an old man in slippers and tights and a beautiful gray cat named Asya.

If you're looking for something more modern, try the fashionable **22-13** (www.22-13.com). The dishes — and furniture — come from all over



► Mari Vanna serves up traditional dishes.

Where to club

Want to celebrate Russian New Year — every day of the week? You can do it in **Club Purga** (www.purga-club.ru). There, you'll also see Russian weddings to which you're already invited. If you like parties and music, try **Soho Lounge** (www.insholounge.com). Or, to have a really crazy party, head to the bar by the name of **Torn Off Balls** (www.tornoffballs.ru), where you'll see barmen and guests dancing on tables. Search YouTube for the sexy proof.

the world. One room has a Chanel sofa, bought in a Rue Cambon. Also try some molecular cocktails here before hitting the clubs.

Where to shop

The big malls, Galleria and Stockman, are full of great European brands. If you need something special, you'll find a slew of local designers in **Cultura Space** (**Prostranstvo Kulturna**) (www.prostranstvokulturna.blogspot.com) on the upper floor of **Pssazh** (www.passage.spb.ru).

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► Ray Allen looks for an opening in the lane in Game 1 last night. Allen had just six points and struggled from the line.

Game 1: Heat 93, Celtics 79 (MIA leads series 1-0)

Miami's night

► LeBron pours in 32 points ► Poor FT shooting plagues Celtics ► First half marred by technical fouls

Three things we learned in Miami's 93-79 victory over the Celtics in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals last night:

1 WADE AND JAMES

There are two reasons to fear the Miami Heat: LeBron James and Dwyane Wade. Both players proved those fears legitimate last night, when they combined to score 54 points. With Avery Bradley out of the lineup, there's no perfect option to guard Wade, and that was evident from the start. Wade got to the basket with ease and when he wasn't going strong to the hoop, he was playing tough defense on the other end that resulted in multiple

double teams that led to Celtics misses.

2 KG AND ...

The Celtics really needed to make a statement to show that their offensive woes against the 76ers were in the past. That statement never came. Instead, just one player found the bottom of the basket in the first six minutes of the game (Kevin Garnett). KG has been the team's most consistent player in the postseason, with spurts of solid play from others. That got them this far, but it's not going to get them any further. Ray Allen went just 1-for-6 from the field, and more shockingly, 3-for-7 from the line. Pierce scored just 12 points while Rajon Rondo

added 10. Not going to cut it, fellas.

3 DON'T BLAME THE REFS

I know what some of you're thinking: "The referees blew this game! The game was fixed!" You've got an argument with a few of those C's techs that came in the second quarter, but Boston lost this game because the Heat played better on both ends. Boston shot just 37.5 percent from the field, while the Heat converted 51.9 percent. And if you were counting on any help from the Boston bench, keep counting: Greg Stiemsma added six points. That's about it.

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The rivalry: LeBron vs. C's

► Celtics, James have grown up together ► But just one side has a ring ► Things could look mighty different for both Celtics, Heat, entire NBA depending on outcome of this series ► LeBron hatred still going strong

It always seems to have been LeBron James against the world — at least the NBA world.

And the biggest obstacle he's routinely met in his NBA career has been the Boston Celtics.

There have been countless matchups against Boston, including the playoff series two seasons ago that ended the James-Cleveland Cavaliers era with James seemingly giving up on the group on his way out the door. By taking off his jersey before he even reached the locker room, James signaled a big change was about to take place in the NBA, one way or another.

Last season, it was James and the Heat who got the best of the Celtics in a series that wasn't close.

Now, it's more than just James. James is the poster boy



► LeBron James looks on during Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals last night in Miami.

for one of the most disliked teams in league history, a team that seemed to be celebrating championships before they even practiced together.

Another disliked player — albeit not around here — in Kevin Garnett, is doing everything in his power to go out with what was previously thought to be an impossible chance at another ring before his career ends. He's averaging 18 points and 11 rebounds in the postseason, while providing all the defense and intensity necessary to get to this point. Garnett is the best big man in the series by far — especially with Chris Bosh out indefinitely — and should play like it.

And don't forget Rajon Rondo. Remember what happened to him last postseason against the Heat?

Quoted

"At the end of the day, all the people that was rooting for me to fail ... they gotta wake up tomorrow and have the same life ... same personal problems."

LEBRON JAMES ON HIS HATERS AFTER LOSING TO DALLAS IN 2011

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